Loss suffered by Gujarat due to Natural Calamities

4041. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on the total loss suffered by the State of Gujarat during the year 1994-95 due to natural calamities like drought, flood etc;

(b) if so, till which month the assessment was made and the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the Central Government has helped the State Government to meet the challenges; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) According to assessment made by the Government of Gujarat from time to time heavy rains and floods during the South West Monsoon, 1994 damaged cropped area of 10.50 lakh hectares and public property worth Rs. 675.79 crores. Again, unseasonal rains and hailstorms in January, 1995 affected cropped area of 15300 hectares resulting in loss of about Rs. 290.00 lakhs. No further report of losses has been received thereafter.

(c) and (d) Government of India have released an amount of Rs. 63.75 crores as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 1994-95 to enable the State Government to undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas.

Allocation of Fertilizers to Gujarat

4042. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of fertilizers to the Gujarat State for the year 1993-94 and also for the current year;

(b) the total requirement of fertilizer for the current year and the last year; and

(c) the criterion adopted for the allocation of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The allocation of fertilizers, which are under statutory price control, are made separately for each cropping season namely Kharif and Rabi in consultation with the State Government and the fertilizer industry keeping in view the following criterion:

(i) Consumption during the previous season;

(ii) irrigated area under different crops;

(iii) cropping pattern;

(iv) area covered under high yielding variety seeds.

Consequent on decontrol of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers with effect from 25-8-1992, requirement of Nitrogenous fertilizers namely Urea, Ammonium Sulphate (AS), Ammonium Chloride (AC), Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) only is allocated. With the decontrol of low analysis Nitrogenous fertilizers like AS, AC and CAN with effect from 10-6-1994, Urea is the only fertilizer which is being allocated to States at present. A statement indicating the assessed requirement, Essential Commodities Act (ECA) allocation and consumption of Urea, AS, AC and CAN for 1993-94, 1994-95 and for current Khariff, 1995 season in respect of Gujarat is enclosed.